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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 26th and 30th meetings, on 5 March and 2 April 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.26 and 30).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2011 and programme of work for 2012 (A/66/34) and a note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2011 (A/66/684).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.29

4. At its 30th meeting, on 2 April 2012, the Committee had before it a draft resolution on the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/66/L.29), submitted by the representative of the United Arab Emirates and Vice-Chair of the Committee following informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.29 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008, 64/262 of 29 March 2010 and 65/270 of 4 April 2011,

Reiterating that the impact of the work of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

Reaffirming the commitment by the Unit, the legislative organs and the secretariats of the participating organizations to implement a system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit, as set out in resolution 54/16,

Reaffirming also the statute of the Unit[1] and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Unit for 2011 and programme of work for 2012,[2] including its revised strategic framework for 2010-2019, and the note by the Secretary-General,[3]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2011 and the programme of work for 2012;[2]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[3]

3. *Reaffirms* that oversight is a shared responsibility of Member States, the organizations and the internal and external oversight bodies;

4. *Reiterates its request* to the Unit, in line with its mandate, to continue to focus its work and reports on system-wide issues of interest and relevance to the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations and to provide advice on ways to ensure the avoidance of duplication and overlap and more efficient and effective use of resources in implementing the mandates of the Organization;

5. *Also reiterates its request* to the Unit to continue to focus its reports on important priority items, identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the General Assembly and other

[1] Resolution 31/192, annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/66/34).

[3] A/66/684.

legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations;

6. *Further reiterates its request* to the Unit to issue its reports well in advance of meetings of the legislative organs of participating organizations so that the reports can be thoroughly and effectively utilized in their deliberations;

7. *Requests* the Unit to submit, as part of its annual report, additional comments and recommendations on its experience with the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, focusing in particular on legislative actions and implementation of the approved recommendations, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, including measures the Unit has taken to achieve punctual and systematic follow-up of those recommendations approved by the legislative organs of participating organizations;

8. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Unit to continuously update and improve its medium- and long-term strategy for 2010-2019, taking into account the dynamics and challenges of the environment in which it undertakes its activities;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of participating organizations, in cooperation with the Unit, to identify the appropriate substantive agenda items of the General Assembly, other pertinent organs and bodies of the United Nations and the appropriate legislative organs of the other participating organizations under which the thematic reports of the Unit should be listed;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

12. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite the executive heads of participating organizations to accelerate their comments on the reports and recommendations of the Unit so that reports are followed up in a timely manner;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh and subsequent sessions on the implementation of the web-based follow-up system;

14. *Notes with concern* that some Member States did not abide by its resolutions on the issuance of visas for the official travel of some inspectors and staff of the Unit, and in this regard requests Member States to extend, without conditions, the requisite facilitation to enable the inspectors and staff of the Unit to undertake their tasks;

15. *Reaffirms* the unique role of the Joint Inspection Unit as the only external and independent system-wide oversight body;

16. *Takes note with appreciation* of the information provided by the Unit on its reform process, as well as its proposals for enhancing the effectiveness of its work, which concern Member States, participating organizations and the Unit itself.